## BEST PRACTICE CATALOG

Project Title: COMPREHENSIVE EXPANDED TREATMENT TEAM APPROACH

IN A FORENSIC SETTING **Function Category: ▼ PATIENT-FOCUSED ■ ORGANIZATION STRUCTURES** Subcategory: Continuum of Care Heading: N/A Key Word(s): **Continuum of Care** Contact Person: **Joyce Bray** Telephone Number: (805) 468-2693 Hospital: Atascadero State Hospital To provide patients committed under PC 2690 an opportunity to participate in the Purpose: highly structured supervised and enriched treatment offered by CONREP. Many patients who would have benefited from continued treatment were Brief Description: released because they were found to no longer meet one or more of the MDO criteria and, therefore, they were no longer a MDO. These patients were released to parole with no opportunity to participate in highly structured, unsupervised and enriched treatment offered by CONREP. It soon became apparent many of these releases were inappropriate because the patient was not being placed in CONREP in a timely manner. A new criteria for release to CONREP was developed. A survey of all CONREP sites was conducted and structured interviews with staff at each CONREP location were conducted. Selection Basis/Criteria: The relationship eventually led to collaborative efforts between the hospital and CONREP which produced specified, standardized criteria for placement of MDO's statewide and to a continuing flow of information between the two groups. The following items are available regarding this Best Practice: Photographs | Video Tape | | Drawings Manual Other: **DATE SUBMITTED: September 17, 1998**